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Office Action Summary

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 April 2005.
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24 and 25 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24 and 25 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 13 June 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This action is in response to the amendment filed 04/06/2005. Claims 1-6, 11-14, 18-19 and 21-22 have been amended; claims 15-17, 20 and 23 have been cancelled; claims 24-25 have been added.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments filed 04/06/2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Regarding claim 1, applicant argues that Czyszczewski et al (6,577,907) merely discloses that, after a user has been identified, the name of the user and other employee or personal information can be appended to an outgoing document automatically; and that Czyszczewski fails to disclose or suggest automatically setting information corresponding to an identified user to a predetermined field of transmission data as sender information for the transmission data (1st paragraph, page 11). Lines 4-17 of column 11 show that the Czyszczewski user is the sender of the outgoing document (fax/email) from the multifunction device; therefore, the information automatically attached to the outgoing document meets the limitation of the sender information. Since the information is automatically attached to the outgoing document, inherently, the information is attached to a predetermined field of the outgoing document. Regarding claim 11, applicant argues that Czyszczewski does not disclose setting the second information corresponding to the first information to a predetermined field of the transmission data as sender information. Czyszczewski discloses that the

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user's name or other employee/personal information corresponding to the user's security information is automatically attached to the outgoing document (fax/email) that the will be sent by the user (col. 9, lines 38-54; col. 11, lines 4-17). The attached information is the sender information, and, inherently, it is attached to a predetermined field of the outgoing document.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-14, 18-19, 21-22 and 24-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Czyszczewski et al (6,577,907).

Regarding claim 1, which is representative of claims 18 and 21, Czyszczewski discloses an information processing apparatus comprising: an identifying device which identifies a user of said information processing apparatus (fig. 1, element 26; col. 11, lines 4-18); and a setting device which automatically sets the user's name or other employee/personal information which corresponds to the user identified by said identifying device to a field in an outgoing document such as fax or email that is sent by

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the user (fig. 1, element 25; col. 11, lines 12-18). The user's name meets the limitation of the sender information, and inherently, it is set to a predetermined field of the outgoing fax/email.

Regarding claim 2, Czyszczewski further discloses that the setting device adds the sender information to a cover page of the transmission data (col. 11, lines 12-18).

Regarding claim 3, Czyszczewski further discloses that the cover page is registered in advance in said information processing apparatus (col. 9, lines 38-54); and the setting device automatically adds the cover page to the transmission data (col. 11, lines 12-18).

Regarding claim 4, Czyszczewski further discloses that the use of the cover page, which is registered in advance, is restricted in accordance with the identified user (col. 9, lines 38-54; col. 11, lines 12-18).

Regarding claims 5-6, Czyszczewski further discloses a connecting device for establishing a connection with a communication apparatus (fig. 2, element 125; col. 2, lines 57-64; col. 4, lines 5-9) and a storing device for storing a program for transmitting the transmission data using said communication apparatus (fig. 2, element 90; col. 10, lines 21-27); wherein said identifying device performs authentication in order to determine whether the user of said information processing apparatus is authorized to use the program or to establish a connection with said communication apparatus (fig. 1, element 26; col. 11, lines 12-18).

Regarding claims 7-8, Czyszczewski further discloses that said communication apparatus comprises a facsimile machine (col. 4, lines 5-9).

Regarding claims 9-10, Czyszczewski further discloses that said communication apparatus comprises a server on a network (figures 4 and 5).

Regarding claim 11, which is representative of claims 19 and 22, Czyszczewski discloses an information processing apparatus comprising a storing device for storing second information corresponding to first information, the first information specifying a user of another information processing apparatus (col. 9, lines 38-54; col. 11, lines 4-17); a receiving device for receiving the first information and transmission data transmitted from the other information processing apparatus (fig. 1, element 26; col. 11, lines 4-18); and a setting device which sets the second information which is the user's name or other employee/personal information corresponding to the first information received by said receiving device to a field of an outgoing document (fax/email) sent by the user (fig. 1, element 25; col. 11, lines 12-18). The user's name meets the limitation of the sender information, and inherently, it is set to a predetermined field of the outgoing fax/email.

Regarding claim 12, Czyszczewski further discloses that said setting device adds a cover page to the transmission data and thereafter transmits the transmission data (col. 11, lines 12-18).

Regarding claim 13, Czyszczewski further discloses that said setting device adds the second information to the cover page as the sender information (col. 9, lines 38-54).

Regarding claim 14, Czyszczewski further discloses that said receiving device receives third information which specifies the cover page; and said setting device adds

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the cover page specified by the third information to the transmission data (col. 9, lines 38-54).

Regarding claims 24-25, Czysteczewski further discloses a transmitting device which transmits the outgoing document (fax/email) to which the sender information is attached (fig. 1, elements 55 and 135).

Conclusion

5. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Minh Dinh whose telephone number is 571-272-3802. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri: 10:00am-6:30pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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